

Meuly House
Corpus Christi, Texas.

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Corpus Christi, Bueces County, Texas.

Present Owner: Miss Amelia MeulyDate of Erection: 1852-54Architect: Conrad MeulyBuilder: Conrad MeulyPresent Condition: GoodNumber of Stories: TwoMaterials of Construction: Oyster shell concrete, Florida heart pine, Louisiana cypress.Other Existing Records: NoneAdditional Data:

This building was started in 1852 and completed in 1854. It cost approximately \$12,000.00 and was built by Conrad Meuly, who came to Texas in 1833 from Switzerland. Mr. Meuly fought in the Mexican War and at one time was held as a Mexican prisoner. In 1847 he married Margaret Kuhn. In the latter part of the nineteenth century Mr. Meuly took a load of hides and wool to Brownsville, Texas to exchange for merchandise. While there he contracted yellow fever and died.

This residence and store building was one of the first buildings erected in Corpus Christi, and has weathered three major storms: The storm of 1875, the storm of 1886, and the storm of 1919. In the 1919 storm the northeast wing, which was used as a kitchen, a dining room and servants quarters, was destroyed. The main building was saved by heavy timbers that had floated over from Port Aransas, and about 500 bales of cotton that had lodged against the building.

The first floor was originally built as a store; the second floor, which has four rooms, was built for a residence. The rear portion, which was destroyed in the 1919 storm, has never been replaced. The iron railings and supports on the front porch, second floor, closely resemble the iron work for which New Orleans is famous. In all probability this ornamental iron was shipped by water to Corpus Christi from New Orleans. The windows on the front and rear, which

are approximately ten feet high, came down to the floor and were used for both windows and doors. These windows were divided into two tiers of nine lights each, and as a general rule windows of this height were divided into three tiers of six lights each. The roof is hipped and was originally covered with slate; gutters and downspouts were of copper.

Miss Amelia Neuly, daughter of Mr. Conrad Neuly and her niece, Mrs Amelia Augusta Daimood, still live in the old home. This information was secured from Miss Amelia Neuly.

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